

Capsule Summary
SM-849
Kennett Farm
Avenue
Private

circa 1923

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-849

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Kennett Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 21755 Blue Stone Lane not for publication

city, town Avenue vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edward and Genevieve T. Kennett

street and number 21755 Colton Point Road telephone N/a

city, town Avenue state Md zip code 20609

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-38, P-44

city, town Leonardtown liber CBG 112 & MRB 234 folio 308, 237

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Kennett Farm is located at 21755 Blue Stone Lane in the rural community of Avenue, Maryland. Approached via a dirt drive that extends to the west of Colton's Point Road, the house is oriented on an east/west axis. While part of an immense 226 acre farm, only about an acre immediately around the house was surveyed. Much of the property consists of rolling cultivated fields punctuated by tobacco barns or other agriculturally related outbuildings. The property is bounded to the north, south, and west by other farms, while Colton's Point Road forms the eastern boundary.

The main farmhouse at Kennett Farm is a circa 1923, two story, nine bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof. The exterior appears to be sheathed with artificial siding and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The roof of the main block is pierced by a single brick chimney flue.

The primary or east elevation is dominated by a front porch that obscures the first floor. Three prominent, two story, three sided projections however, are clearly visible above the porch. Symmetrically balanced, these three vertical divisions are each fenestrated by three modern, one-over-one, double-hung sash windows on each floor. Each features a partially conical roof. The middle bay, however, is further accentuated by a cross gable projection which suggests that the bays are later additions.

No other elevations were observed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>1 acre</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>226 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Rock Point</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north, south, and west by other farms, while Colton's Point Road forms the eastern boundary. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber CBG 112 & MRB 234, Folios 308 and 237.

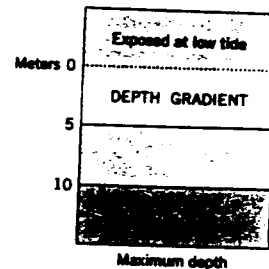
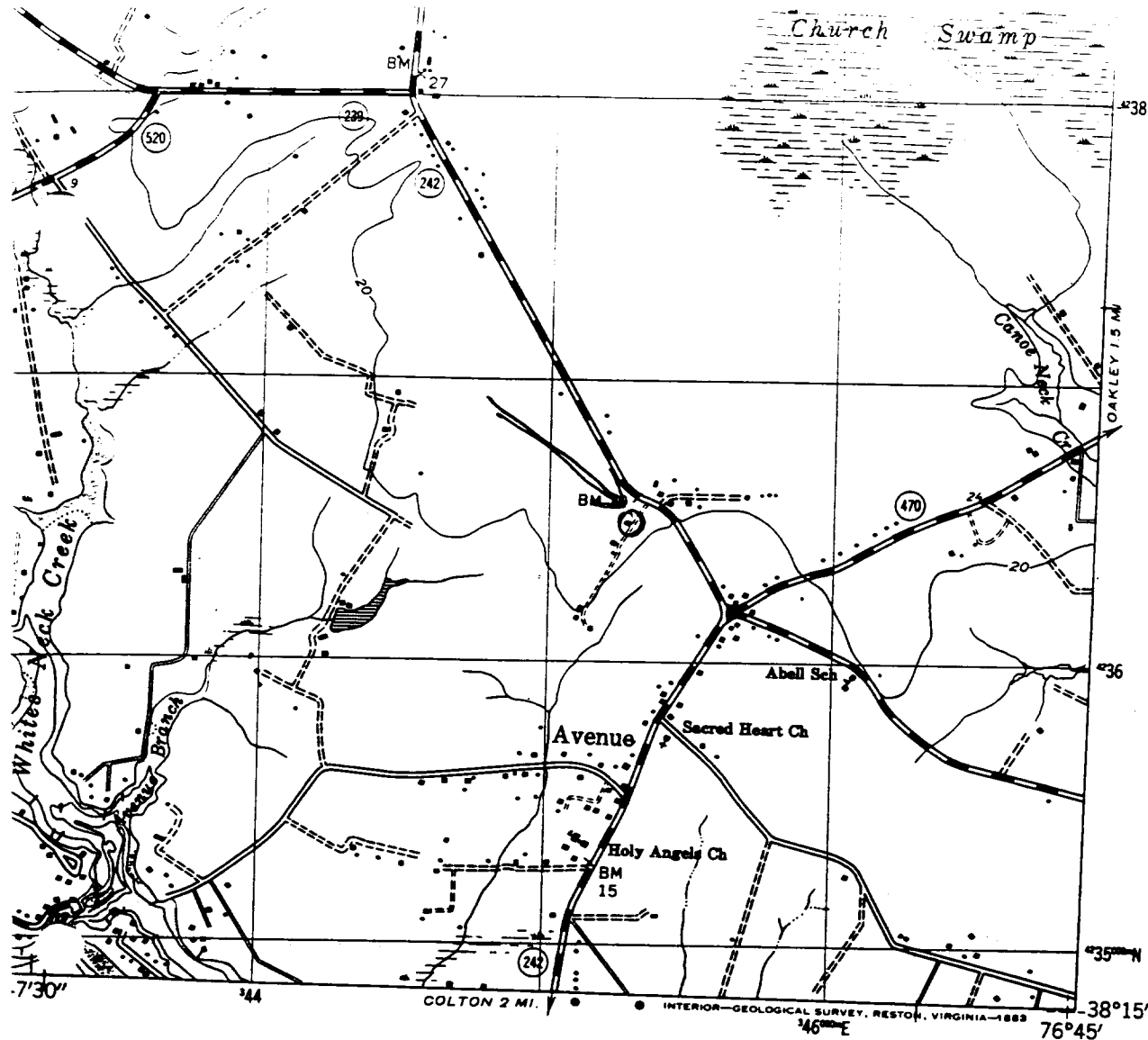
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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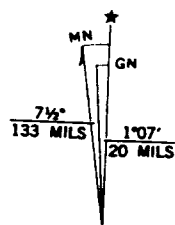
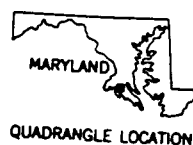


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Medium-duty ————— Light-duty —————

Unimproved dirt - - - - -

○ State Route



UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

ROCK POINT, MD.
38076-C7-TB-024

1943
PHOTOREVISED 1974
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982
DMA 5660 IV SE-SERIES V833

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